



# LOCAL SALES TAX CHANGE

## Cowlitz County Criminal Justice Tax Effective April 1, 2005

**Effective April 1, 2005**, local sales and use tax within all of Cowlitz County will increase one-tenth of one percent (.001). This increase was approved by public vote during the November 2004 election. The tax will be used for criminal justice purposes.

Businesses must collect the appropriate new rate of sales tax for retail sales and services provided within the county. Persons or businesses within Cowlitz County will be subject to the new rate of use tax on items purchased for their personal or business use if sales tax has not been paid.

The new rates of sales tax are:

LOCATION	LOCATION CODE NUMBER	LOCAL SALES TAX RATE	STATE SALES TAX RATE	TOTAL SALES TAX RATE
Unincorporated Areas	0800	.011	.065	.076
Castle Rock	0801	.011	.065	.076
Kalama	0802	.011	.065	.076
Kelso	0803	.012	.065	.077
Longview	0804	.012	.065	.077
Woodland	0805	.011	.065	.076

To determine the proper rate of local sales tax you may access the Geographic Information System (GIS) located at <http://dor.wa.gov>. On the home page, click on the GIS icon and select Sales Tax.

This notice is being sent to businesses that have reported local sales or use tax to any of the above location codes within the last year.

If you have questions, or if Sales Tax Collection Schedules are needed, please go to our web site at <http://dor.wa.gov> or call the Department of Revenue at 1-800-647-7706.